

**The Presbyterian Church
Order of Worship
New Year's Day, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.**

A Service of Prayer and Meditation for the New Year

PRELUDE

He Shall Feed His Flock (Handel)

arr. Larry Dalton

In The Bleak Midwinter (Holst)

arr. Don Wyrzten

What Child Is This?

arr. Don Wyrzten

Bill Watson, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME

Maureen Paterson, Associate Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP

A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.

The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.

We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

O Lord, remind us that You lead us.

O Lord, guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.

*HYMN 150

As With Gladness Men of Old

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, yours are the seasons and the ages.

At the beginning of this new year give us a new heart and a new spirit.

**Let us release all past regrets and failures into your grace and mercy,
and let your forgiveness and love make us whole again day after day.**

Make a new beginning in all of us through your spirit and for your glory. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

The Story of Your Birth

by Chris Fortin

The stor - y of your birth gives us hope and prom - ise.
 Let our prais - es rise to you, O God! Em - man - u - el has
 come to re - deem us. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

and also with you.

I invite you to turn and greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stacy Currie, Director of Children and Family Ministry

Let the Children Come

by Helen Kemp

Let the little children come to me.

Let them come and gather at my knee.

Let them come, dear friends, for don't you see,

this is how God's kingdom ought to be?

This is how God's kingdom ought to be.

(There will be no Nursery Care or Bibles & Bagels today.)

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 130 (pp. 573-574)

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

INTERLUDE

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-8 (p. 198)

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

INTERLUDE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Gesu Bambino (Yon)

arr. Tom Roed

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow* HYMN 606
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE Romans 12:9-18 (p. 162)

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN 147 *The First Nowell* (Verses 1, 2, 6)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Auld Lang Syne* arr. Tom Roed

**Those who are able are invited to stand.*

Masks optional but welcome for all gatherings here at BRPC.

Please join us for fellowship in Westminster Hall immediately following worship.

Special thanks to Bill Watson for sharing his musical talents with us this morning.

Dennis Jones and Chris Fortin are both on vacation and will return on January 3.

Flowers

The Flowers are given to the glory of God.

The flowers that grace our sanctuary each week are gifts from members of the congregation. Flowers may be given in memory or in honor of someone or to celebrate an occasion and cost \$42 per pier. There are openings in January. If you would like to donate an arrangement, please contact our flower coordinator Ellen Johnson at (908) 285-1638 or email her at flowers@brpc.org.



Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 1

Worship Service in the Sanctuary and Streamed Live, 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Time, 11:00 a.m., Westminster Hall

Monday, January 2

Meditation Group, 7:30 p.m.

Church House Offices closed

Tuesday, January 3

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.

Oak Tree Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Geneva & Middle Rooms

Children's Mid-Week, 4:15 p.m., Westminster Hall & Sanctuary

Scout Troop #351, 7:00 p.m., Youth Center

Adult Small Group, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 4

Joint Budget Committee, 11:15 a.m.

Stephen Ministry, 7:00 p.m., Church House Library

Session, 7:30 p.m., Church House Parlor and Via Zoom

Thursday, January 5

Meditation Group, 8:30 a.m.

Seeking Strength in Troubled Times, 9:15 a.m.

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Friday, January 6

Saturday, January 7

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